of petroleum products in the country during the last one year; and

(e) the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Petroleum products are being imported during the current year (1991–92) under term contracts with the National Oil Companies of USSR, China, Malayasia, USE and Bahrain and through spot purchases.

(d) and (e). Amongst the steps being taken by the Government to bridge the gap of petroleum products are;

(i) Intensification of activities relating to exploration and production of crude oil and natural gas;

(ii) Setting up of grass root refineries and expansion of existing refineries; and

(iii) Attaching high priority to energy conservation measures in all sectors of economy.

[*Translation*]

Accredition to Agencies for making Passports

4668. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have accorded accredition to various agencies for making passports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of authorised agencies working under the Regional Passport Office at Bareilly;

(d) whether certain agencies working under the Bareilly Regional Passport Office have been blacklisted; and

(e) if so, the details of such agencies and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and(b). Travel Agencies are given recognition to deal with a Passport Office in India in respect of passport matters of their customers.

(c) Ten.

(d) Appropriate action are being taken against two travel agencies.

(e)(i)The UP Police have registered a case of forgery against M/s Ganga Travels Haridwar. The Police has seized about 300 passports/documents from this Company.

(ii) The Up Police have reported adversely against M/s. International Trade and Travel Service, Meerut.

[*English*]

Soviet Aided Steel Plants

4669. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent developments in USSR have had any adverse effects on the ongoing/existing steel projects taken up with Soviet aid/collaboration; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to ensure regular supply and flow of capital